GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - M.A.&U.D. Department – Allegations on unauthorized constructions of buildings in Sy.No.07 of Resapuvanipalem, GVMC., Visakhapatnam – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted - Charges Proved - Major punishment imposed – Review petition allowed – Reduction in penalty - Orders issued- Reg.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 603 **Dated: 18-06-2025**

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Rt.No. 130, MA&UD(Vig.I) Dept., dated:05.02.2024..
2. Review Petition of Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS; dated: 02.05.2024.

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In the reference 1st read above, Govt. after following the due procedure, has imposed the penalty of "withholding of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS, for the charges of failure to initiate action for prevention of unauthorised constructions, not taking necessary steps for demolition of unauthorised constructions, allowing the encroachments thereby causing financial loss to the GVMC, held proved.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS, has filed review petition against the penalty imposed, wherein he has stated that, initially, the applications for according permission for construction of residential buildings in the unapproved layouts were rejected. Subsequently, in view of the Court Orders, in favor of the petitioners and as per the instructions of higher ups, they have been regularized by following due procedure duly collecting penalty amounts. Thus, there is no financial loss caused to the Urban Local body and hence, he has requested the Govt. to drop further action.

3. Government, after examination of the review petition filed by him, have observed that ''the alleged deviations / encroachments have been regularized duly collecting the penal amounts from the building owners. Therefore, there is no financial loss to the ULB. Further, as per the instructions of the Government, the penalty shall be commensurate with the charges held proved. In this case, the penalty imposed seems to be severe, when compared to the charges held proved. Therefore, Government have decided to reduce the penalty from "withholding of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect" to "withholding three annual grade increments without cumulative effect" against the appellant i.e. Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS.

4. Accordingly, the Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 38 of the A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991, hereby order that the penalty of "withholding of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect" imposed

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against Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, in the G.O. first read above shall be reduced to "withholding three annual grade increments without cumulative effect".

5. The Engineer-In-Chief, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur and the DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri D. Srinivasa Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer and the then Incharge TPS through the DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Engineer-In-Chief, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur.
The DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
(with reference to Letter No. 24/VC.A2/2014, dt:31.05.2025)
SF / SC (E.No.727865).

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.